



# MERGE Collaborative

## Rural Education Leadership Academy July 2023 - December 2024

**RELA is an 18 month longitudinal education and leadership program for rural faculty who wish to enhance their medical education teaching and leadership skills to become local rural education leaders**

### STRUCTURE:

- 12 seminars over 18 months
- Completion and dissemination of an education scholarly project
- Formal mentorship
- Practice subsidy provided

### ELIGIBILITY:

- Open to physicians and inter-professional faculty who are engaged with learners or plan to be in the next year
- Faculty must be based in Maine's rural areas as defined by HRSA

**Course work** will include competencies in feedback, supervision, learning environment, DEI principles, and familiarity with ACGME competencies.

**Rural competencies** will include interpersonal and communication skills, learner centeredness, role modeling, practice-based reflection, learner assessment, and more.

**Applications are due May 1st, 2023.** If you are interested in applying for this opportunity please reach out to David McLellan, MERGE Program Manager.

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### SCHEDULE AND TIME COMMITMENT

Scholars will participate in 12 virtual seminars from 3:30 – 5:30 over 18 months to obtain education and leadership competencies, engage with mentors and peers and launch an education scholarly project.

Scholars will be expected to attend the 2 annual MERGE conferences in late fall, as well as a simulation-based session on giving feedback.

### COMPENSATION FOR TIME

- Funding is provided to subsidize faculty time to attend educational sessions and work on scholarly projects.
- It is expected that participants will be granted 0.5% or approximately two hours per week towards RELA.
- Grant funds will be paid to a participant's practice to cover up to \$10,000 of time.

For more information, reach out to MERGE  
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